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REMARKS

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1. Between 6 and 9 April 1951, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbellinerstrasse, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), was again occupied to capacity by about 1,800 troops. These troops, who left by rail in early March, were not observed when they returned to the installation. The 1,800 troops included the signal unit which was quartered in the former telegraph construction office. No heavy weapons were seen in the billeting area. On 7 April, about 250 troops received basic training in the barracks yard while about 120 troops were engaged in athletic activities at the telegraph construction office. Motor vehicles observed at the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on 6 and 7 April
2. The See Kaserne was again occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops; the mortar unit which had left the installation previously has not been observed to have returned. The body of a Soviet major was carried to the cemetery on truck on 6 April, his uniform displayed on jeep which was followed by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 26 officers, including a colonel and 6 majors, wearing artillery insignia; and 3 companies, each consisting of 120 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. T-34/85 tanks an armored reconnaissance car, trucks and jeep left the See Kaserne at about 10 a. m. on 7 April.
3. The Fridericus Kaserne still quartered about 5,000 troops. A 21-piece band, 12 officers and 6 to 8 companies with a total strength of about 500 troops were seen marching on to the barracks yard on 9 April. The companies left the installation toward Altruppin at 11 a. m. carrying carbines but without the band. About 60 percent of the troops were recruits. Trucks seen at the installation

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[redacted] troops of the 12th
Cds Tank Div returned to Neuruppin aboard a train on 24 March, elements of
the division having been absent from the post for short periods of field
training at the beginning and in the middle of March. The present report
indicates no change in the disposition of troops at Neuruppin over a
report of late March [redacted]

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